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SUBJECT: CANCELLED NAVAL EXERCISES

1. AT A PARTY IN HIS HONOR AT THE NAVAL ATTACHE'S HOUSE
ON DECEMBER 26, THAI SUPREME COMMANDER AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
OF THE ROYAL THAI NAVY, ADMIRAL SANGAD CHALORYU SAID THE
DECISION TO CANCEL THE JOINT THAI/INDONESIA NAVAL EXERCISES
SCHEDULES FOR DECEMBER WAS POLITICAL, RATHER THAN MILITARY.
SANGAD SAID THAT THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL AND THE
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS CONSIDERED THAT SUCH EXERCISES
COULD GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THAILAND WAS SUPPORTING
INDONESIA'S ACTION IN TIMOR, SANGAD ACCEDED TO THE PRIME
MINISTER'S REQUEST THAT THE EXERCISES BE CANCELLED.

2. SANGAD ADDED THAT IF THE DEIISION HAD ZEEN BASED PURELY

ON MILITARY CONCERNS, HE WOULD HAVE GONE AHEAD WITH THE JOINT EXERCISES. SINCE HE HAD TO CANCEL THE EXERCISES, SANGAD ALSO CANCELLED A VISIT HE WAS SUPPOSED TO MAKE TO JAKARTA AT THE END OF DECEMBER, BUT THIS WAS A PRIPATE DECISION HE SAID, NOT ONE SUGGESTED BY THE PRIME MINISTER OR THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL.

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